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## Local Teen Releases New Single, Donates Song And Talent To Charity

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For 13-year-old Riverview resident and up-and-coming R&B singer-songwriter, Estacia, singing is not just a part of life, but is life.

"Music is the voice of my soul that neither words nor actions can describe," Estacia said. "It's the thing that runs in my veins. Music is basically my life. It's been my life since I was young."

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The young artist's love of music, specifically rhythm and blues, began during her father's deployment, as she sang the tunes of her favorite artists to lift the spirits of her fam-

This love for music and family led to the recent release of her new single, *Speak To Me*, produced by local Grammy winner, Lannie Battistini, for the record label, Hands In Motion, located at 140 W. Robertson St. in Brandon.

According to Estacia's publicist and agent, Neysa Battistini, the single is currently being considered for a nomination for the 59th Grammy Awards.

Aside from the song's release in June, Estacia is looking forward to share her time and talent during the upcoming St. Jude's Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer, on Saturday, September 24 at



Local teen Estacia recently released her new R&B single and is looking forward to donating her time and talent to local charity at the upcoming St. Jude's Walk/Run to End Childhood

the Amalie Arena in Tampa, where she is scheduled to take the stage, at no cost, performing her single along with the Star Spangled Banner.

"She is personally lobbying for this event and asking people to donate for this cause," Neysa said, adding that Estacia will also participate in the actual five-mile walk and run and

encourages people to come and join her team. "Her goal is to sign up 50 people to walk or run with her," Neysa said.

Neysa emphasized that nominated as a Blue Star Military child, Estacia also understands the sacrifices of military families during their loved ones' deployments and has received many thanks for her community service works.

"With her gifts and experience in charitable work, Estacia wants to contribute her talents to help find the cure for cancer," Neysa said.

Estacia's album is scheduled to be completed later this year and released in January 2017. More about Estacia can be found at www.iamestacia.com, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ IAmEstacia and Twitter at www.twitter.com/IAmEstacia.